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MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Leader of the House may make a motion under Rule 15 (3)."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Under Rule 15 (3) I move—

' *that the motion standing in the name of the Hon. Sri K. Chandramouli may be taken up now and the rest might follow* '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that item 5 in the list of business, i.e., the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949) be taken up now '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

VI.—THE MADRAS MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L.A. BILL No 4 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill* [a], *1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949), as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once.*'

" The object of the Bill has been explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. It is only a small amending measure which has been necessitated after the passing of the Indian Independence Act of 1947. When Members have to take their oaths of allegiance or affirmation, the change has been made and instead of the words ' Crown ' the words ' India and the Constitution of India ' are to be substituted and similarly instead of ' to His Majesty the King-Emperor, his heirs, successors, etc. ' the words ' India and the Constitution of India ' are to be put in and each member is expected to swear in the name of his mother country and the Constitution."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Mr. President, I support the motion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3, 1 and the preamble were each separately put and carried and formed part of the Bill.

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I move—

' *that the Bill be passed into law* '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

' that the Madras Municipal and Local Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1948, be passed into law '."

The motion was carried and the Bill was passed into law.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 915-916 infra